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HOUSE BILL 83

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS RELATING TO THE AUTHENTICITY OF AND THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF THE SALE OF NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--

A. Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the cultural affairs department for expenditure in fiscal years 2009 and 2010 for a study to determine the contribution of Native American arts and crafts to the economy, culture and social fabric of New Mexico. The purposes of the study are to determine the impact on the economy, culture and social fabric of New Mexico of the production and sale of items of Native American arts and crafts and the potential adverse impact on the economy, culture and

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1 social fabric of New Mexico of the import, production and sale
2 of items of non-authentic Native American arts and crafts.
3 This appropriation is contingent upon the receipt of funding
4 from a non-state government source in an amount at least twice
5 the amount of this appropriation. Any unexpended or
6 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2010
7 shall revert to the general fund.

8 B. Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated
9 from the general fund to the cultural affairs department for
10 expenditure in fiscal years 2009 and 2010 for a study to
11 determine the extent to which articles represented for sale in
12 New Mexico as authentic Native American arts and crafts are
13 misrepresented in regard to materials, artist of origin, place
14 of origin or manner of production. The purpose of this study
15 is to document the extent to which the offer for sale of non-
16 authentic Native American arts and crafts already takes place
17 in New Mexico. This appropriation is contingent upon the
18 receipt of funding from a non-state government source in an
19 amount at least twice the amount of this appropriation. Any
20 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
21 fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

22 Section 2. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
23 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.